# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# DEFENCE
# LOK SABHA

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MULTI ROLE TRANSPORT AIRCRAFT
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**Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Hindustan Aeronautic Limited and a RussianConsortium have signed any MoU for manufacturing MultiRole Transport Aircraft (MTA);

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the capacity and the manufacturing cost of the said Aircraft; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be manufactured and inducted into the Indian Airforce?

## Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. An Agreement has been signed to jointly prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to establish the viability of the Multi Role Transport Aircraft (MTA) Project.

(c) MTA is expected to be a 15-20 tonnes transport aircraft / 100 seater passenger aircraft. The cost of the basic aircraft is expected to be approximately USD 27 million at price levels of the year 2000 subject to further refinements after preparation of DPR.

(d) Manufacture and induction into the Indian Airforce, after acceptance of the DPR and launching of project, is expected from the seventh year onwards.